

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2008 Supplemental Scoring Application Part I: Fixed Categories

All Applicants must complete and submit by Friday, December 7, 2007

This application can be found on the web at www.brag.utah.gov/CDBG/CDBG.htm

1) What percent of your project beneficiaries fall into the following income groups?							My Project Percentage	
<i>22 points possible</i>								
80% CMFI*	<51% 0 points	51-55% 8 points	56-60% 9 points	61-70% 10 points	71-80% 11 points	81-100% 12 points		
50% CMFI	65% or more of total project beneficiaries have household income at or below 50% CMFI						5 points	
30% CMFI	25% or more of total project beneficiaries have household income at or below 30% CMFI						5 points	
Opting to meet a HUD National Objective without income data**		Projects that meet a HUD National Objective by meeting the criteria for “presumed Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI)” groups or qualified urgent human health and welfare needs may opt to not document specific LMI beneficiaries and receive 11 points automatically. Qualified Slum & Blight projects may opt to receive 8 points without providing income documentation				Project Meets Criteria and opts to not document LMI ____ Yes		

* County Median Family Income (see www.utah.gov/CDBG/CDBG.htm or State Application Guide Appendix C).

How to Document: Consult BRAG staff to determine the best way to document income for your project. **Projects that meet a HUD National Objective (see Chapter III of State Application Guide) by serving a HUD specified “Presumed Low-to-Moderate income (LMI) group or that aid in the prevention of slum or blight (National Object #2) or respond to a serious and immediate threat to human health and welfare need (National Object #3) may opt to receive “default” points in this category automatically without having to document LMI beneficiaries. Otherwise they must document LMI benefit and will not be eligible for default points. You must consult with BRAG staff if you think your project may qualify.

2) Is your jurisdiction implementing Quality Growth Principles?**		My Jurisdiction Is Participating (Yes/No)
<i>7 points possible</i>		
2 Points	Has your jurisdiction addressed moderate income housing in its general plan as required by S.B. 60?	
2 Points	Has your jurisdiction implemented any moderate income housing strategies as defined in your general plan or the homelessness section of the Consolidated Plan?	
1 Point	Has your jurisdiction adopted ordinances to protect and conserve water, air, energy resources, critical lands, important agriculture lands and/or historic places?	
1 Point	Did your jurisdiction participate in the Quality Growth Program or 21 st Century Communities Program?	
1 Point	Was your jurisdiction awarded a Quality Growth capstone or 21 st Century designation?	

**If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide a copy of the ordinance.

Communities with less than 1000 population (2000 Census) and counties automatically receive 2 points for this section and can receive up to an additional 5 points for establishing Quality Growth Principles within the community.

3) Does your jurisdiction have capacity to fund the project through increased taxes?

6 Points Possible

**Your Jurisdiction's
Tax Rate as a
Percentage of State
Ceiling**

Tax Rate as a % of Ceiling*	Tax rate <19% of ceiling 4 points	Tax rate 19-29% of ceiling 5 points	Tax rate >29% of ceiling 6 points	
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*Non-profits automatically get five (5) points for this category.

How to Document: BRAG staff will use the tax rate data produced by the Utah Foundation that can be found at <http://www.utahfoundation.org/stat.html> to confirm your jurisdiction taxing position. No documentation required.

PROVIDING DECENT, SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

4) Does your project construct new housing or rehabilitate existing affordable housing units?

16 points possible

	REHABILITATED HOUSING			NEW HOUSING		
<i>Affordable and/or Transitional Housing Development</i>	A) Rehab Units 1-4 2 points	Rehab Units 5-10 4 points	Rehab Units >10 6 points	B) New Units 1-5 6 points	New Units 5-10 7 points	New Units > 10 8 points
<i>Affordable and/or Transitional Housing Planning</i>	Does this project implement moderate income housing goals as identified in your general plan(whether required by state code or not) or in the homeless section of BRAG’s Consolidated Plan? <div>2 Points</div>					

CREATING SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENTS

5) Does your project expand the physical infrastructure to improve the health, safety, and welfare of the persons in your community? Does it expand critical health and safety infrastructure (water, sewer & emergency services)?

14 Points Possible

How many households will the project benefit directly? What is community impact?		
Project provides critical community infrastructure benefits to less than 50 households or is not critical community infrastructure 8 Points	Project provides critical community infrastructure community wide 10 Points	Project provides critical community infrastructure beyond one community 12 Points

Does this project address an immediate bona fide health and safety threat?

2 Points

CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

6) Is your project designed to create (expanded payroll) or retain jobs that will employ individuals that earn at or below 80% of the CMFI upon entry (or retention)?

10 Points Possible

Job Creation*	1 FTE permanent job per \$25,001-35,000 CDBG dollars 2 points	1 FTE permanent job per \$10,001-25,000 CDBG dollars 4 points	1 FTE permanent job per \$5,001-10,000 CDBG dollars 6 points	1FTE permanent job per \$3,501-5,000 CDBG dollars 8 points	1 FTE permanent job per \$3,500 or less CDBG \$ 10 points	Number of FTE Permanent Jobs Created or Retained
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*Only projects that satisfy the HUD national objective with job creation will be given these points. The jobs must be permanent and hopefully high paying. Jobs that result from relocation of a business from somewhere else in the Bear River District will not be counted without special permission from the Investment Strategy Council (ISC).

BRAG CDBG 2008 Supplemental Scoring Application Part II: Applicant Interviews

To Be Submitted with Part I Application by December 7, 2007

Applicants will be given an opportunity to make a brief introductory project presentation to the Bear River District's Investment Strategy Council (ISC). During this interview each applicant will be asked to respond to the following questions relative to their project. Points will be assigned by the ISC Board Members.

(8) PROJECTS THAT IMPACT THE GREATEST NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES (10 Points).

Projects will be rated on their relative impact in the community both in terms of numbers and relative need. Some projects will serve fewer numbers of individuals or families; however the relative need may be high. Or some project may serve fewer numbers of people due to the intensity of the service they

7) When was the last time your jurisdiction or organization was funded with CDBG and did you manage the project satisfactorily? 16 points possible						Program Year Last Funded with CDBG
Last funded with CDBG*	Applicant funded last year 0 Points	Applicant funded 2 years ago 5 Points	Applicant funded 3 years ago 6 Points	Applicant funded 4 years ago 7 Points	Applicant funded 5 years ago or never funded. 8 Points	
Applicant CDBG History	Is applicant (or sub-recipient if applicable) in good standing with the State of Utah (this is determined by state CDBG staff based on program history)? First time applicants get full points.					Determined by BRAG Staff
8 points						

*Applies to the end recipient of funding (sponsorship of project in the case of a city or town does not apply)

How to Document: No documentation required. BRAG staff will verify this information

deliver.

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| 7-10 Points | The project will have widespread benefit (e.g. community or region wide) to many individuals and families OR the beneficiary numbers are few but the population targeted by the project is one with critical, special needs that is otherwise under served. |
| 5-6 Points | The project will serve a moderate number of beneficiaries OR a targeted population with less than critical special needs. |

- 1-4 Points The project will serve relatively few and/or does not serve a targeted population that has special needs that are under served (based on community determined priorities and the regional Consolidated Plan).

(9) STRATEGIC PLANNING EFFORT (5 Points Possible)

Your project should have been identified as a priority through a sustained and comprehensive strategic and general planning effort. Points will be awarded to applicants by the ISC based on the applicants ability to demonstrate that they have brought their projects to maturity through past planning efforts.

- 3-5 Points There is a clear indication of good project planning. The project was introduced and evaluated in planning documents such as the jurisdiction's General Plan, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)/Consolidated Plan or other planning documents. In the case of non-profits they have demonstrated their timely effort to work with the sponsoring jurisdiction's planning efforts (CIP/Consolidated Plan). Non-profits should also demonstrate that they have their own strategic plan.
- 1-2 Points Indications are that the project has not been the result of good planning.

(10) PROJECT MATURITY (5 Points Possible)

Your project should be ready to begin work as soon as CDBG contracts are issued. CDBG contracts generally have a completion term of 18 months from time of contract execution. Your project should be mature, well situated for funding and you should be able to complete the project in an timely manner.

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| 3-5 Points | Applicant is able to describe efforts for early pre-project development including, but not limited to, defining the project scope, obtaining cost estimates (engineering & architectural if necessary) , and solidifying matching funds. To get full points, applicants should prove that any matching funds are “in-hand” or legally committed. |
| 1-2 Points | Indications are that the project may be reactionary or pulled together at the last minute. The project also lacks maturity in terms of a well developed project scope and funding plan. The project will likely have a difficult time commencing in the spring of 2007 and completing in the winter of 2008. |

(11) COORDINATION/COLLABORATION EFFORT (6 Points Possible)

Given the limited amount of CDBG funding for the region, it is critical that good coordination and, if possible, collaboration take place between non-profits, agencies, cities/counties and other groups. This is to avoid duplication of effort and maximize efficiency. Your project will be scored based on your effort to identify opportunities to coordinate efforts and potentially collaborate on a project.

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| 4-6 Points | The project includes some direct financial collaboration (two groups with similar missions combine efforts and funding). The applicant has clearly identified the potential areas of coordination/collaboration with other groups and has made a documented effort to coordinate with those groups that might be impacted by the project (other cities, county, non-profit groups etc). The applicant demonstrates a understanding of how their project fits into the “big picture” context of the community’s needs. If the applicant is a Non-profit organization, they demonstrate that they sufficiently understand the “niche” they fill in the community based on documented need. |
| 1-3 Points | The applicant has not made sufficient effort to look for opportunities to coordinate activities or do a combined project. The project seems to be a duplication of activities and/or the organization’s mission seems to be a duplication of services. The applicant does not demonstrate a knowledge of other like services in the community. |

(12) MATCH MONEY (10 Points Possible)

Applicants that contribute a larger percentage of funds toward the project will be given more points by the ISC.

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| 6-10 Points | Applicant indicates a significant portion of their total project cost will come from their own funds or other sources of match money. Efforts for local fund raising will be considered. More points will be given to projects that have been able to obtain other sources of money. For city/county projects the “per-capita” contribution will be considered as an indication of the financial burden place on the citizens. To get full points applicant should be able to give assurances as to the status of the match money and assure that these funds are “in-hand” or will be available. Available matching funds vary greatly based on the type of project. A project with lower match percentages may still score high on this category, as long as they document their effort to locate alternative funding sources. Project will not be penalize for low match if very little alternative funding exists for these types of projects. To get full points, the applicant should be able to describe their efforts to look for other sources of funding. |
| 1-5 Points | Applicant has a low match as a percentage of total project cost. Lower points will be given if the match funds are not secure and may not materialize in a timely manner or indications are that the applicant has not fully explored other funding sources. |